

## Notes on the HPC Public meeting held on June 15th 2022.

Present : Jo Baker, Laura Gates and Nick from GCP.  
Maximum of 96 residents and Parish Councillors.

Jo Baker gave a presentation on the current position of GCP on C2C and Active Travel and the Consultation that is now taking place.

He mainly concentrated on the portions of the route that affected Hardwick.

### Questions from residents.

1/ Why do we need a Bus Gate on St Neots Rd, no congestion now and would add extra traffic through village( Cambridge Rd/Main St)

2/ Extra traffic using P&R site and buses would cause hold ups at the Rbts serving A428 and Dry Drayton.

3/ Will trees be removed from St Neots Rd if the buses leave A1303 before Madingley Mulch.

4/ Is a A428 link to M11 at Girton being considered to solve traffic problem on Madingley Hill.

5/ Bus Gate will cause rat run through Hardwick. Has the Demographics of residents been considered on who will use cycleway/pavement next to busway.

6/ Cycling is OK but better routes are required.

7/ Existing bus Service 4 is adequate for number of Hardwick residents wanting to use them.

8/ Bourn Airfield bus stops at north of development, how will residents get from houses to the south.

9/ Will there be enough buses to carry the predicted number of passengers, or will they fill up in Cambourne/Bourn AF and not stop in Hardwick, as happens on Guided Bus route.

10/ Will there be Rising Bollards and ANPR at Long Rd Comberton.

11/ If there is an off-road route will the trees be retained.

12/ No Bus Gate likely to be majority view of residents.

13/ Only 23 people responded to last GCP survey of C2C, could as many residents as possible fill in this time.

14/ Instead of Bus Gate, could there be traffic signals on St Neots Rd for bus priority.

15/ Will normal buses use Bus Gate.

16/ Could there be a Bus Gate with traffic lights.

17/ A Bus Gate would add extra time and cost of fuel to journeys to Cambridge, by having to use the A428.

### **Replies from Jo Baker/Nick**

The preferred route of the GCP Executive Committee is off-road, but because of the objection by Hardwick residents to the removal of the trees from the north side of St Neots Rd, the GCP looked at incorporating the Active Travel Plan which would allow the buses to use an on-road route.

A428/M11 link is a Highways England problem and not within GCP remit.

Traffic in near future will be at pre Pandemic level so traffic problems on Madingley Hill will return.

Haven't assessed traffic numbers at Cambridge Rd/St Neots Rd junction, so don't know how many vehicles turn right into village now.

Feeder buses likely to run between south and north of Bourn AF.

Don't envisage problems with traffic and buses leaving P&R site

Tree removal and planting is included in the EIA to be published.

GCP will take away comments and residents suggestions to look at different ideas for a bus gate.

I have not included statements(not questions) in the note, and also any questions that were referred to previously and answered at other forums.